

East TX Catholics Dec 8, 2000

Scholars believe Christ was born between years 8 and 6 B.C.

Exigence missed the yr of Christ's birth by 6 or 8 yrs.

Easter & related feasts were 1st ones celebrated by Christian People. The first mention of Christmas comes in a Roman liturgical calendar.

composed in 339 A.D. By 399 the feast of our
Lord's birth was celebrated on Dec. 25 in most
of the Christian World. church authorities
assigned the birth of Christ to the Winter Solstice
at that time Solstice was Dec 25. (in thought)
When days began to lengthen was referred to by
many as Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.
Emperor Aurelian dedicated Dec 25 to the sun god
(in 200s)

Council of nicaea was 325

Constantine II (Emperor)
prohibited marriage between
Jews and Christians
and possession of Christian
slaves by Jews.

Eusebius died. He was not much less than 80 years old.

of his 46 works 15 have disappeared entirely: 10 are represented by a few short quotations.

Only 15 have come down to us seemingly intact

Festival Orations

Panegyric on Constantine

Panegyric on the martyrs

The numerous Progeny of Ancients

Defence of Origen (is lost)

Life of Pamphilus

Collection of Martyrs

Martyrs of Palestine

Life of Constantine

Chronological Tables

History of the Church

AD 339

The Constantinian basilica over
the place of Jesus' birthplace (discovered
by Queen Helena) was consecrated
in AD 339

339-342 - Patriarch of Constantinople
d 342

EUSEBIUS of NICOMEDIA

Arian leader, powerful because of his influence at the imperial court. He sheltered ARIUS in 321 and fought his condemnation at NICAEA. Eusebius signed the Nicene formula but was exiled by Constantine I shortly afterward. Eusebius' influence with emperor's sister CONSTANTIA, however, soon won him his reprieve (323). As Adviser to

* CONSTANTINE II he systematically advanced
a moderate ARIANISM throughout the
empire. He was Bishop of Nicomedia
(330-339) and Patriarch of Constantinople
(339-342)

Persecution of Christians in Persia